

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE CHULA VISTA SAFETY COMMISSION**

**August 5, 2009
6:00 p.m.**

**Council Chambers
City Hall - Building 100
276 Fourth Avenue**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 6:10 p.m.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Chair Liken; Commissioners Caudillo (arrived at 6:31 p.m.), Cochrane, Moriarty, and Perrett

Absent: Commissioner Navarro

Staff present: Frank Rivera, Principal Civil Engineer; Muna Cuthbert, Senior Civil Engineer; Police Officer Shon Thurman; and Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Opening Statement

Opening statement read by Chair Liken.

4. Approval of Minutes: January 8, 2009 and June 11, 2009

MSC (Cochrane/Moriarty) to accept the minutes of January 8, 2009 as submitted. (5-0-1, Navarro absent)

MSC (Moriarty/Cochrane) to accept the minutes of June 11, 2009 as submitted. (5-0-1, Navarro absent)

5. Oral Communications

- a. Barbara Nunnelee, Canterbury Court Senior Apartments (316 C Street) - Ms. Nunnelee requested assistance with the following:
 1. Installing flashing red/yellow lights at the stop signs on Third Avenue/N. Glover
 2. Fluorescent paint on pavement legends and bird chirping at pedestrian signals.
- b. Anne Kohl, Canterbury Court Senior Apartments (324 C Street) - Ms. Kohl requested assistance with the crosswalks adjacent to her residence. She stated pedestrians needed longer crossing times at the intersection.

Chair Liken asked staff about timing procedures. Principal Civil Engineer Rivera stated staff looked at this location about a year ago and made changes at that time (adjusted pedestrian timing, repainted pavement legends, updated pedestrian messages, and larger stop signs). Approximately \$15,000 was spent on upgrades. Mr. Rivera stated the problem is with westbound drivers turning right on red and pedestrians hesitating on the crossing, thereby not giving them enough time to cross. Sr. Civil Engineer Cuthbert stated that the Target shopping center will be expanding and the intersection will be improved at that time. Commissioner Moriarty asked staff to look at "no right turn on red" at that intersection. Chair Liken asked about if there were any protective medians in the City. Mr. Rivera stated yes, they are "pedestrian refuges", at Third & F and at Otay Ranch by Heritage Park. The pedestrian refuges need a certain amount of square footage on the median. Staff will bring forward a report and notify Ms. Nunnelee and Ms. Kohl of the meeting date.

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MEETING AGENDA

6. Resolution of the Safety Commission of the City of Chula Vista Changing the Place of Regular Meetings

Prior to March 2006, the Safety Commission utilized the Council Chambers as the place to hold its regular meetings. In February 2006, the Chula Vista Redevelopment Corporation was formed and the Council Chambers was designated as the place to hold its regular meetings. In March 2006, the Safety Commission meeting place was moved from the Council Chambers to the Police Department Community Room. In order to better accommodate the public, the Safety Commission wishes to change its meeting location to the Council Chambers. Municipal Code Section 2.44.030 provides for a change in location upon adoption of a written resolution.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt a resolution changing the place of regular meetings from the Police Department Community Room to the Council Chambers.

MSC (Moriarty/Cochrane) to adopt the resolution. (5-0-1, Navarro absent).

7. Resolution of the Safety Commission of the City of Chula Vista Changing the Day of Regular Meetings

The Safety Commission designated the second Thursday of each month as the day for the Safety Commission to hold its regular meetings. The Safety Commission wishes to change its meeting day to the first Wednesday of each month in order to utilize the Council Chambers. Municipal Code Section 2.44.030 provides for a change in meeting day upon adoption of a written resolution.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt a resolution changing the day of regular meetings from the second Thursday of each month to the first Wednesday of the each month.

MSC (Perrett/Cochrane) to adopt the resolution. (5-0-1, Navarro absent).

8. Traffic Engineering CIP Project Update

Mr. Rivera gave a brief presentation. Report was accepted into record.

9. Traffic Accident Summaries for May and June 2009

Officer Thurman gave a brief update. Overall accidents are down. There was one fatality last Friday.

OTHER BUSINESS

10. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Moriarty thanked staff for returning the Commission meetings to the Council Chambers.

Chair Liken asked staff to look at the raised sidewalks on Telegraph Canyon Road west of Otay Lakes Road on the north side (potential pedestrian safety hazard).

Commissioner Cochrane asked if the agenda packet could be placed on the individual monitors instead of using hard copies. Mr. Rivera stated he did not think the system had that capability, but would consult with the Information Technology Department

Chair Liken made a motion to record the absence of Commissioner Navarro as unexcused.

MSC (Liken/Moriarty) to the record the absence of Commissioner Navarro as unexcused (5-0-1 Navarro absent).

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Chair Liken stated that the City Clerk's office has allowed the Council and Commissions to drop the "Moment of Silence" after the Pledge of Allegiance and asked the Recording Secretary to remove it from future agendas. He also asked the "Opening Statement" be updated to reflect meeting date/place changes.

Commissioner Cochrane asked about the Sr. Volunteer Patrol patrolling the Southwestern College neighborhoods and if there has been any more information. Officer Thurman responded no.

Chair Liken has communicated with the Clerk's office and the Mayor's Assistant about the Commission vacancies. He stated they have received one application. He added he asked a previous Commissioner, Carol Gove, if she would be interested in serving once again. The Mayor's Assistant will be contacting her. The earliest a new commissioner will be on board will probably be in October due to several Council meeting cancellations. Commissioner Perrett has graciously offered to continue to serve until the appointments are made.

11. Staff Comments

Mr. Rivera gave an update on the Southwestern College parking issues, showing a PowerPoint presentation in a Q&A format. It appears this item is not as hot an issue as in previous months. Officer Thurman stated the division conducted parking enforcement (tickets issued for not turning wheels correctly with curb). Many residents received tickets. He added the additional enforcement and the community meetings seemed to help. In Apache Estates, the offenders are the residents and not students. The vehicles being towed are residents, not students. Mr. Rivera stated the widening project along the college frontage should help with the traffic congestion. Staff is committed to working with the College and residents to resolve the parking issues.

ADJOURNMENT AT 7:07 P.M. to the next scheduled meeting of October 7, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,

Florence Picardal, Recording Secretary